



ST MARY'S & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

Sunday 7th July – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

July Monthly Devotion: The Precious Blood of Jesus

Whether they listen or not

We are called to tell others about God and the quality of life in his kingdom, whether they are responsive or apathetic. As Jesus himself found, there is none so deaf as those who know all the answers already! Our very weakness and doubts can become strengths, since they teach us to rely on God to show us where to go, what to say, and how to act.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
Sunday 7 th July	14 th Sunday Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:30am St Mary's Mass 11:00am St Mary's	Parishioners' Intention Denise Scott (91 st Birthday) Edward & Elizabeth Riley (RIP)
Monday 8 th July	Ferial	6:15pm St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass 7:00pm	Fr Oliver's PI
Tuesday 9 th July	Ferial	8:30am St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:00am	Peace in our troubled world
Wednesday 10 th July	Ferial	8:30am St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:00am	Vocation to religious life
Thursday 11 th July	St Benedict	9:00 am St Paul's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:30am	Vocation to clerical life
Friday 12 th July	Ferial	9:00am St. Paul's School 7:00pm Sacrament of Confirmation, St Mary's	Pupils and teachers Confirmation Candidates
Saturday 13 th July	Ferial	9:45am St Mary's Holy Rosary; Mass at 10:00am	The sick and housebound
Sunday 14 th July	15 th Sunday Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:30am St Mary's Mass 11:00am St Mary's	Parishioners' Intention Robert Blanchette (RIP) Parishioners' Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 9am to 9:50am St Mary's; 5pm to 5:50pm St Paul's; Sunday 8:30am to 9:20am and by appointment.

Sacraments and other liturgies: Please speak to the Priest following the weekend masses.

Date	Event	Location
Tues 9 th July 6:30pm	Confirmation teaching session	St. Mary's meeting room
Thurs 8 th Aug 6:30pm	Mass for the Sick and Housebound	St Paul's
Sat 10 th Aug 11am	Mass for the Sick and Housebound	St Mary's

MARK 6:1-6: When Jesus returned to his hometown he continued to do his Father's business, and taught in the synagogue with all the insight and understanding that only he could have. At first the congregation listens, spellbound; they are amazed and profoundly struck by what they hear. So far, so good. The atmosphere seems ripe for the delight at finding God's chosen one to be a next-door neighbour. But something makes their admiration turn sour, leading them to reject Jesus instead, until he is left marvelling at their amazing lack of faith. What was it that blocked their belief? Perhaps, having been brought up alongside him, they considered themselves Jesus' equals. And now, here he is, preaching like a fine scholar and obviously grasping truths about the Scriptures that they have never even considered. What they thought they knew about Jesus, is suddenly challenged, and in their jealousy they resent him. As Christians, we ought never to think we have finished our education; constantly learning more about Jesus will make us less liable to reject out of hand some new insight which challenges our accepted image of him.

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Mark will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Mary's on Friday at 7:00pm. All parishioners from both churches are welcome to attend. Please come along to show support for the candidates and for Fr Isidore.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS: The month of July is dedicated to **the Most Precious Blood of Jesus**. This devotion invites believers to reflect on Jesus' profound sacrifice and the pouring out of His blood for humanity. It emphasises the mysteries of redemption and the significances of the Eucharistic celebration. The Precious Blood symbolizes God's love, mercy, and atonement for sin, making it a powerful focus for prayer and devotion. *Father, by the blood of your Son, you have set us free and saved us from death. Continue your work of love within us, that by constantly celebrating the mystery of salvation, we may reach the eternal life it promises. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

POPE'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION: FOR PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Pope Francis invites Christians to pray that the Church might show God's closeness to people enduring illness. *"Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope."* In inviting the Church to pray for the pastoral care of the sick, the Pope recalled that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not only for people at death's doorstep. If someone thinks that a priest offering the sacrament means that they are about to die, said the Pope, they have embraced a hopeless vision. We should remember that the Anointing of the Sick is one of the 'sacraments of healing,' of 'restoration,' that heals the spirit. It is a sacrament that is always available for people who are ill, especially the elderly. When a person is very ill, it's advisable to give them the Anointing of the Sick. The true meaning of this Sacrament is not only as a preparation for death, but also as a sacrament that offers consolation to the sick in times of serious illness, and strength to their loved ones and those caring for them.

MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: We will be celebrating a Mass for the Sick and Housebound at both our parish churches in August. The Mass intention will be for healing, and the masses will be on Thursday 8th August at 6:30pm at Paul's, and on Saturday 10th August at 11am at St Mary's. Everyone is welcome and you can come for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing for yourself or for someone else. We need people who can volunteer to help bring people to Mass and take them home. If this is something you could do, please let Fr Isidore know. Please also get in touch if you would like to attend the Mass, or know someone who would, and need help with transport.

FURTHER REQUEST FOR CATECHISTS: We have two volunteers and need a few more, to create a team to prepare older children for baptism and perhaps to also re-introduce the Children's Liturgy. Children who are aged 7+ take part in classes to prepare them to receive the Sacrament of Baptism and enter the Catholic faith. They comprehend much more than an infant or toddler and can understand more about Baptism. There are a few short lessons that help the child understand what happens during Baptism and how it relates to the other sacraments. With a small team to help, we can welcome these new family members into our Church. Any practising Catholic can do this, without much preparation. If you can volunteer, please speak to Fr Isidore.

ST PAUL'S PARISH FEAST DAY: Very special thanks to Josie and Thomas Edwards and all the team that organised the celebration of the feast of St Paul last weekend. It was **fantastic!** Thanks to all the parishioners for such a positive response towards the celebration.

FATHER ISIDORE: Thanks for all the wonderful birthday wishes and cards, they are very much appreciated.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY: £550.93, including online donations. Peter's Pence: £172.75. Thank you. NEW LECTIONARY new total to date: £1,665.

SECOND COLLECTION: Building Fund **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** Seafarer's Sunday



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